

Yew Dell Botanical Gardens Job Description

Position Title: Grounds Assistant
Reports to: Garden and Arboretum Manager
Classification: Full Time, Non-Exempt

Date: February 2022

Position Summary: Under the direction of the Garden and Arboretum Manager the Grounds Assistant maintains Yew Dell's arboretum, gardens, and turf grass. The Grounds Assistant will work to maintain these areas through mowing, edging, string trimming, fertilizing, seeding and renovating turf grass systems. The Grounds Assistant will also work alongside horticulture apprentices, interns, seasonal staff and volunteers in garden maintenance such as pruning, mulching and weed control.

Job Responsibilities:

- Maintain all turf grass, paths, fence lines, parking lots and terrace areas in a clean and presentable condition at all times
- Oversee and schedule grounds herbicide and fertilizer applications, as needed
- Coordinate with the Buildings and Grounds Technician on equipment maintenance and needs
- Work with the Garden and Arboretum Manager to implement weed control measures in garden spaces concentrating on sustainable practices
- Assist the horticulture staff in mulching, pruning, leaf removal, plantings, and other seasonal tasks
- Other duties as assigned by the Garden and Arboretum Manager

Qualifications/Requirements:

- At least three years of experience in turf grass and/or grounds management, or other related fields
- Ability to operate and maintain a variety of power equipment such as zero turn mowers, string trimmers, power seeders, backpack blowers, tractors, etc.
- Ability to be on foot for long periods of time and lift up to 50 pounds
- Efficient and productive work style to allow maximum efficient use of limited resources
- Openness to and enthusiasm for learning new techniques, products and approaches
- Ability to work well with other Yew Dell staff, board, committee members and volunteers
- Ability to effectively lead volunteers, interns and seasonal gardeners
- Must have or be able to obtain a Kentucky pesticide applicator license
- Must be willing to work non-standard hours as needed
- Must have transportation to attend meetings and various functions as required

To apply send your resume to:
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